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Northern Division
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Re: Goss Cove Proposed Plan

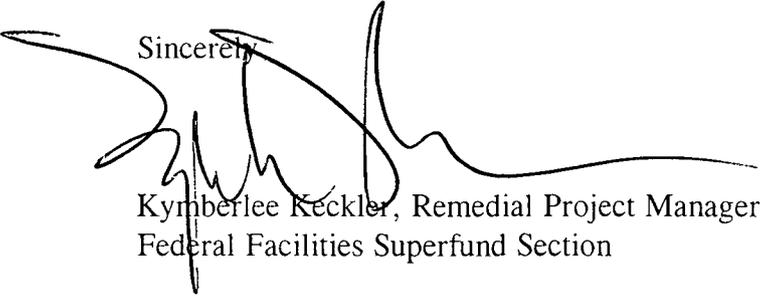
Dear Mr. Evans:

I am writing in response to your request for EPA to review the Goss Cove Proposed Plan. The tables in the Proposed Plan should be consistent with the Feasibility Study analyses and in accordance with the National Contingency Plan (*see also* EPA's letter dated April 5, 1999 on the Feasibility Study). Detailed comments are provided in Attachment A.

Please be advised that you are required to comply with the remedy selection and public participation requirements established at 40 C.F.R. § 300.430(f). EPA further recommends that you provide copies of the final Proposed Plan to property abutters, local officials, environmental groups, local media, and other interested stakeholders.

I understand that the dates in the Proposed Plan will change. Please contact me to discuss the timing of the completion of the Feasibility Study, Proposed Plan, and public comment period so that we can ensure that the Goss Cove remedy is properly selected and documented in the next few months. I look forward to working with you and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection on the environmental cleanup of Goss Cove and to selecting a remedy this summer. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1385 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Kimberlee Keckler, Remedial Project Manager
Federal Facilities Superfund Section

Attachment

cc: Mark Lewis, CTDEP, Hartford, CT
Andy Stackpole, NSBNL, Groton, CT
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ATTACHMENT A

<u>Page</u>	<u>Comment</u>
p. 1, 1 st column	The description of the proposed remedy should include No Further Action for Goss Cove. The description of the proposed engineered cap remedy should clarify that it is for the landfill.
p. 2, Summary of Alternatives Table	<p>Cost estimates - including that for the No Action alternative - should include the cost of 5-year reviews.</p> <p>Alternative 2A and 2B should be split and each evaluated separately. In the Components section, add a new second bullet: "Test excavated soil for hazardous characteristics." In the third bullet change "Olayered cap" to "layered cap." In the fifth bullet change "Review" to "reviews."</p> <p>For the 2A Comment change the first bullet to: "Partially protective of human health and the environment." Change the second bullet to: "Not Compliant will all State and Federal statutes and regulatory requirements." Change the third bullet to: "Limited reduction of potential contaminant migration.</p> <p>For the 2B Comment change the first bullet to: "Protective of human health and the environment." Change the second bullet to: "Compliant with State and Federal statutes and regulatory requirements."</p>
p. 3, 1 st column	In #2 insert "and facility siting" after "state environmental."
p. 3, 2 nd column, ¶3	In the third sentence, change "for 30 years to" to "until no further risk to human health or the environment exists. The reviews will."
p. 4, 1 st column	In the definition of "ARARs" insert "and facility siting" after "state environmental."